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Office Action Summary	Application No. 08/984,476	Applicant(s) WOLFE ET AL	
	Examiner David S. Romeo	Art Unit 1647	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 93,95-98,105-123 and 131-134 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 93,95-98 and 105-116 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 117-119,121,122,131 and 132 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 123 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 120,133 and 134 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 93,95-98,105-123 and 131-134 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 01/06/2006 has been entered. Claims 93, 95, 96–98, 105–123 and 131–134 are pending. Claims 93, 95–98, 105–116 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Maintained Formal Matters, Objections, and/or Rejections:

Claim Objections

Claim 120 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Claims 133 and 134 depend from claim 120. Hence, they share this defect in form with claim 120 and are also objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Accordingly, claims 120, 133 and 134 have not been further treated on the merits.

Applicants argue that the amendment to claim 120 cures this defect. Applicants' arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The amendment has been considered. However, the claims are still in improper form.

New Formal Matters, Objections, and/or Rejections:

Election/Restrictions

Claims 117 and 118 directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claim 123, directed to the process of making or using the allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, is hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Claims 93, 95–98, 105–116, do not require all the limitations of an allowable product claim, and have NOT been rejoined.

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Because a claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 has been rejoined, **the restriction requirement between claim 123 and the originally elected invention is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claims including all the limitations of an allowable product claim or rejoined process claim are presented in a continuation or divisional application, such claims may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 123 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claim is directed to or encompass a method of identifying a GIP antagonist. "A GIP antagonist according to this invention is any composition which interferes with biological action of GIP," which implies binding to the GIP receptor and blocking the receptor's response to GIP. See page 7, last full paragraph. However, the claims do not require measuring or determining the GIP receptor's response to GIP in the presence or absence of the candidate GIP antagonist. The claims do require determining whether the candidate compound inhibits the binding of the GIP to the GIP receptor. The claims only require that the candidate compound inhibit the

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binding of the polypeptide of claim 117 to the GIP receptor. The polypeptide of claim 117 is a GIP antagonist and it is unclear how the candidate compound would interfere with the biological action of GIP. It is conceivable that agonists as well as antagonists would inhibit the binding of the polypeptide of claim 117 to the GIP receptor. In the absence of detecting a biological response, the claimed method does not enable the skilled artisan to identify a GIP antagonist.

Claim 123 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Support for the method cannot be found in the disclosure, as originally filed, which raises the issue of new matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 123 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term “peptide” is missing after the phrase “glucose-dependent insulintropic” in line 1. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

Claims 117–119, 121, 122, 131 and 132 are allowable.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

ANY INQUIRY CONCERNING THIS COMMUNICATION OR EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXAMINER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DAVID S. ROMEO WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (571) 272-0890. THE EXAMINER CAN NORMALLY BE REACHED ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IF ATTEMPTS TO REACH THE EXAMINER BY TELEPHONE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, THE EXAMINER'S SUPERVISOR, BRENDA BRUMBACK, CAN BE REACHED ON (571) 272-0961.

IF SUBMITTING OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE BY FAX, APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CENTRAL FAX NUMBER FOR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH IS (571) 273-8300.

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ANY INQUIRY OF A GENERAL NATURE OR RELATING TO THE STATUS OF THIS APPLICATION OR PROCEEDING SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GROUP RECEPTIONIST WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (703) 308-0196.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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MARCH 19, 2006